(xv) Stability in governance—(A) No seat for a party having obtained less than five per cent of total valid votes even if it wins any seat at an election—a new definition of political party in the Tenth Sechedule which includes a pre-election front/coalition—restriction on no-confidence motion, in particular requiring the motion to be accompanied by another motion expressing confidence in a named individual as also no fresh no-confidence motion to be permitted within a period of two years.

(B) Passing references to one election in five years and fixed term for legislative bodies but no final recommendations made.

Amendment to Laws relating to contempt of Judges

†726. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Attorney-General of India has asked for making amendment to laws relating to the contempt of judges; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The learned Attorney General for India has made personal suggestions that the defence of truth of the allegations made should be available in a contempt action as in the case of a libel action and that if the allegations made are found to be bassless or frivolous, stiff penalties of fine and imprisonment may be imposed upon the person making these allegations.

(b) It has been decided not to amend the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, for the present.

Law Commission's Recommendation for Debarring Independents from Contesting Elections

727. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be plesed to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended debarring

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.